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1. During the months of May to August 1952 five Soviet vessels have been plying between Vladivostok and T'angku. Most of the cargo brought into China was petroleum and most taken back was food. One of these ships, the SS TUNGTA [REDACTED] was anchored in T'angku in August.

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2. The Tientsin Export-Import Company (TEIC) received orders in August to purchase 50,000 tons of tung oil for shipment to the USSR, the entire amount to be purchased before the end of 1952. Upon receipt of these orders the TEIC sent telegrams to trading companies in producing areas asking them to fill a part of the order immediately. The TEIC began receiving shipments in mid-September, and on 22 September 5,000 tons of tung oil were loaded on the Soviet ships, SS TUNGFANG [REDACTED] and SS CHINHSING [REDACTED], at T'angku for shipment to the USSR. 25X1

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. These are probably Chinese translations of the Russian names of these vessels.

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